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- One of the recently-installed blast furnaces at the Kuncice plant of the 25X1 Vitkovice Iron Works Klement Gottwald national corporation (Vitkovicke zelezarny Kl. Gottwalda, n.p.) was heavily damaged on or about 1 May 1952, 25X1 when a section of the furnace gave way while the furnace was in operation, spilling molten metal into the working area. Several workmen were injured, 25X1 and the furnace will be inoperative for several months.
  - An STB investigation of the incident is in progress, and several persons have already been arrested. It is suspected that the damage may have been caused by sabotage as it could hardly have been the result of normal structural failure or lack of proper supervision.

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